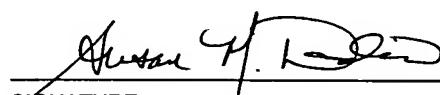


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TITLE OF INVENTION ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE SAME, AND COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Motoo SUMIDA, Masahiro NAKAO, Namino TOMIMORI, Koshi NAMIKAWA and Harukazu FUKAMI		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 21 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u>Application Data Sheet; General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees; Form PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report); Verification of Translation; and English translation of PCT Request.</u></p> <p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: <u>Suntory Limited, Osaka, Japan.</u></p>		

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